

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

JAMES MCDONALD,

Plaintiff,

v.

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, NORTHWEST
TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC., INDYMAC BANK FSB, DOES 1-50,

Defendants.

No. 2:10-cv-01952-RSL

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF ONEWEST'S
MOTION TO SCHEDULE EXPERT
DISCOVERY

Introduction

Plaintiff has filed a pleading entitled Response to Defendant OneWest's Motion to Schedule Expert Discovery & Countermotion to Compel Discovery Regarding Authenticity of the Note. Defendant OneWest addresses the response and countermotion in separate briefs.

The Motion to Schedule Expert Discovery Should be Granted

Plaintiff opposes defendant OneWest's previously unopposed motion for an order to schedule expert discovery for OneWest on the grounds that the request "is merely a ruse consistent with the recalcitrant behavior exhibited in the case concerning discovery," and that

1 the discovery will be “prolonged and costly.” (Docket #248, p. 5.)

2 One of the few remaining factual issues in this case is whether OneWest presently holds
3 the original note. Qualified expert opinions about whether a document is an original with an
4 original signature is evidence that will be helpful to a jury deciding that issue. Plaintiff intends
5 to proffer expert testimony at trial to aid the jury, and OneWest wishes to be able to counter
6 plaintiff’s expert’s testimony with that of its own, as would normally be allowed. The
7 presumably competing expert opinions should assist the jury in coming to the proper
8 conclusion about the note. Further, the discovery schedule for an expert report and deposition
9 that OneWest has proposed need not prolong discovery. It can be scheduled to fit within the
10 timeframe in the Court’s existing Order.

11 OneWest is fully cognizant of the Court’s finding that OneWest has prolonged
12 discovery and delayed the ultimate resolution of this case. Its intent in seeking a discovery
13 schedule that includes an expert report and deposition for its defense is not intended to further
14 prolong this case but merely to prepare an adequate defense for trial. For these reasons,
15 OneWest respectfully requests that its motion be granted.

16 Dated: April 4, 2013.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am employed in Multnomah County, State of Oregon. I am over the age of 18 and am not a party to the within action; my business address is 621 SW Morrison St., Suite 1450, Portland, Oregon 97205.

On April 4, 2013, I served the following document(s) described as:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that the foregoing is true and correct.

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